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ROBERT M. MOORE, JR., ET AL.

SERIAL NO.: 09/785,890

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CONTINUOUS PROCESSES FOR
PREPARING CONCENTRATED AQUEOUS
LIQUID BIOCIDAL COMPOSITIONS

GROUP ART UNIT: 1616

EXAMINER: ALTON N. PRYOR

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:ADDENDUM TO AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607

The Office has requested clarification with respect to the last paragraph of an amendment entitled AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 which shows a certificate of mailing of March 13, 2002 in the above-entitled application. The return postcard indicates that this document was received by the PTO on April 10, 2002.

That amendment added Claims 6-10 for purposes of interference with US 6,287,473, filed March 3, 2000 and any pending continuation or divisional thereof.

The last paragraph of that amendment reads as follows:

Since applicants have an effective filing date of November 30, 1999, based on parent Application No. 09/451,344, they are entitled to priority over the '473 patent, which is entitled to a filing date no earlier than March 3, 2000.

This is a true statement, but perhaps it could have been made clearer by the addition to the end of the sentence of the words "with respect to the subject matter of Claims 6-10 and the proposed interference".

The proposed interference with respect to Claims 6-10 involves US 6,287,473. Although the application of that patent was a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/106,602 filed June 29, 1998, now Pat. No. 6,156,229, inspection of U.S. Pat. No. 6,156,229 will show that there is no disclosure or teaching in U.S. Pat. No. 6,156,229 of use of bromine chloride which is an essential ingredient of Claims 6-10 and the proposed

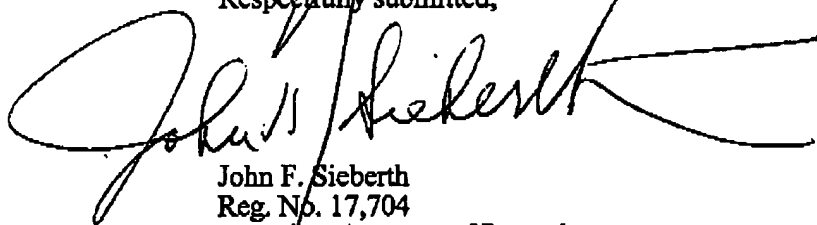
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interference. Accordingly, the opposing party Yang et al. is not entitled to rely upon the filing date of its parent application 09/106,602, filed June 29, 1998 (Now U.S. 6,156,229) for the subject matter of the proposed interference.

It is believed that in view of this clarification, the various interferences should now proceed as requested.

If anything further should be required, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



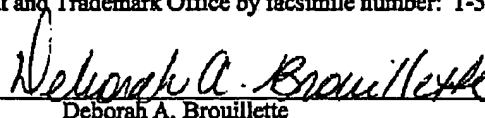
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